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NEW INSTALLATIONS ADDED TO METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY

SHEET-METAL ROLLING MILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec,
18 Aug 50

Last year, a plate-rolling mill was built next to the old sheet-metal rolling mill in Javornik. Another sheet-metal rolling mill, which will be 270 meters long, 24 meters wide, and 22 meters high, is under construction in the ironworks at Smederevo. Two thirds of the iron skeleton of the mill has been erected. The rolling mill will produce galvanized iron sheets.

In August 1949 the first part of the steel mill at the ironworks was completed and a Siemens Martin furnace was installed. For the expansion of the steel mill, new gas generators are needed. Three such generators are in operation, and seven additional generators are being constructed by the "Franc Leškošek" Factory in Maribor. The gas-generator shop is 20 meters high.

INCREASES ALUMINUM PRODUCTION -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 23 Aug 50

The alumina and aluminum factory in Lozovac, Dalmatia, recently improved its production method and thus increased production by 20 percent. At present the liquid aluminum is taken directly to the foundry furnaces after electrolysis. For each ton of aluminum, 400 kilowatt-hours of current are saved, and production is increased and improved. At present, workers are constructing vacuum devices to suck the liquid metal.

Soon a rolling mill will be built next to the factory. Machinery for the mill has been completed, and construction of the mill will begin in September 1950. It is expected to be in operation before the end of 1951.

TO EXPAND SMELTER, LEAD REFINERY -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 23 Aug 50

The smelter and the lead refinery in the Trepca lead mine will be expanded and their capacities doubled. The smelter, which was previously equipped with six special furnaces, now has 12 furnaces. A large smelting furnace also is being built, and will have a capacity ten times that of the old furnace. The refinery, which now has five boilers, will eventually have ten.

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ASSEMBLY SHOP UNDER CONSTRUCTION -- Ljubljana Slovenski Porocevalec, 10 Aug 50

Construction of a large assembly shop began this year in the "Franc Lesko-sek" Metal Construction Factory. The iron framework of the shop, which will be 111 meters long, 50 meters wide, and 20 meters high, is already erected. The shop is scheduled to be completed by 29 November 1950. The housing project near the factory will accommodate 200 families.

BOSNIA RICH IN ORES -- Belgrade Borba, 24 Aug 50

At present, prospecting for ore is under way in the Kresevo-Fojnica area. Deposits of nonferrous metals have been discovered here. Prospecting in the Ljubija and Vares mines has revealed large deposits of iron ore. With the newly discovered iron ore deposits, the Ljubija mine has become the second largest iron mine in Europe. Yearly production of iron ore in the Vares mine will soon reach 30 million tons.

Such nonmetals as barite, asbestos, quartz, and refractory clay have been discovered in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Near Vorar a new gypsum factory was built recently. Very large barite deposits, found near Kladusa, are now being exploited.

MINES TO OPEN IN SOUTHERN SERBIA -- Ljubljana Ljudska Pravica, 9 Aug 50

In Janjevo, Serbia, zinc and lead mines will be opened soon. The ore will be smelted at Trepca because Janjevo has no smelter. Mines will be opened also at Novo Brdo near Gnjlane.

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